

Dear Reader,

Books are your window to the world and what better time than the summer holiday season to indulge in your favorite books, while also discovering new treasures. Summer reading programs, first begun in the United States in 1895, are staples of public libraries in the United States. We hope that our program, part of the Firing the Imagination: Stories, Books, and Movies Summer Kids Festival, will inspire you as much as those programs in the United States inspire the millions of kids there.

Our program is very simple. Read ten books during the April 23–May 28 period, fill out the Reading Journal (the second page of this brochure) and the contact details section, return it to the American Library and you are done! 10 books and Blast Off! You will receive a special certificate in recognition of your achievement, as well as the chance to win a copy of President Obama’s children’s book, “Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters.” Those younger children who cannot read can also participate by being read to by parents. Parents can help them fill out the Reading Journal.

Please visit our Kids Corner@American Library which has a special collection of books for children, as well as educational board games. While we encourage you to visit the Kids Corner, participants can read books from anywhere and in any location that we want. We encourage participation from all areas in our consular district of Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

DNA Ya! will be featuring book reviews by our reading program participants during the Festival so we invite you to call 022-2262-4590 ext. 2204 if interested.

Happy Summer Reading from all of us at the American Center!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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This reading journal belongs to:

**Student Name:** .....

**School:** ..... **Grade:** ..... **Age:** .....

**Parent/Guardian Name:** .....

**Parent/Guardian Postal Address:** .....

**Parent Guardian Signature:** .....

**Parent/Guardian E-mail:** .....



# READING JOURNAL

Write the title, author, and summary/highlights of the books you've read below.

10	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
9	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
8	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
7	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
6	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
5	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
4	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
3	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
2	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	
1	Title/Author	
	Summary/Highlights	



April 23

## Storytelling Extravaganza

by Mumbai Storytelling Association

April 30

## Celebration of Earth Day

- ▶ Launch of Poster Competition
- ▶ Screening of *Wall-E*

May 7

## Read Aloud **Fun for ALL AGES**

in the Kids Corner, with a special visit by Clifford the Big Red Dog!

Screening of *Stuart Little*

May 14

## Puppet Storytelling Session

by Usha Venkatraman

- ▶ Screening of *Where the Wild Things Are*

May 21

## Storytelling Session

by Deepak Dalal

- ▶ Screening of *Ramona and Beezus*

May 28

## Storytelling Session

by Word-Fully Yours

- ▶ Screening of *Charlotte's Web*

Year-round, the American Center hosts a monthly Kids Saturday@American Center program in the auditorium on the last Saturday of the month at 10 am. While the themes vary, the programs strive to be interactive, educational, and fun, with a focus on American culture and topics that are of mutual interest to citizens from both our countries. The Kids Corner@American Library, a collection of books and educational board games, is also available year-round M-Sat 10 am - 6 pm. This is the second year the American Center is hosting a kids festival during the summer school holiday season. The schedule of events is above and you can also check [www.facebook.com/amcentermumbai](http://www.facebook.com/amcentermumbai) or sms JoinUS Kids at 54999 to learn more.

All events begin at 10 am and are first-come, first-served in the American Center Auditorium. These events are for children ages 6-15 years old; all children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent.